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MARTIN NAMED PRESIDENT OF FISH CANNERY UNION; HEAVY VOTE IS RECORDED

Monterey, California. Louis Martin was elected president of the Monterey Fish Cannery Workers Union to succeed incumbent D. R. Campbell in a close election last month, official results announced this week disclosed. Martin was listed with 362 votes, to 341 votes for Campbell.

The official report of the union's election board, including compilation of all returned from Monterey and Moss Landing voting booths, showed 854 ballots cast, with 16 disqualified.

Bitterly contested campaigns for secretary-treasurer and business agent found incumbents returned to office by 2 to 1 majority. Secretary Morgan King defeated George Cowell, 540 to 268; Business Agent Ivan Sinner beat Lester Caveny, 557 to 223.

The slate of new officers as declared elected by the election board is as follows:

President—Louis Campbell.
Vice President—John Wheat.
Secretary-Treasurer—Morgan King.
Recording Secretary—Pearl Thomas.
Business Agent—Ivan Sinner.

Local 483 Speaks

DID YOU KNOW?

That our secretary, Pearl Bennett, is studying extensively on a first aid course, is learning how to handle fire bombs, is a block air raid warden, and does a good job at all?

That women are wanted for auxiliary police to patrol during dimouts?

That Local 483 initiated two new members at the last regular meeting?

That there was a brawl and general mixup at the Music Box last week, or have you heard?

That Red Dwaine, our former business agent, is stationed on Treasure Isle these days?

That the union now has a checker board in its headquarters, so that those waiting for jobs can play checkers while they wait? (Who do you suppose will ever use the checker board? We need help badly!)

That we'll be back again, we hope? —THE MOON MAN.

Dorothy Johns Resigns Office With Culinary

Salinas, California. Dorothy Johns, business agent and secretary of the Salinas Culinary Alliance 467 for the past three years, resigned last week to take over the management of a downtown restaurant, acquiring ownership of Sandbo's and thus becoming ineligible to serve as union representative.

The union held a special election last week to name a successor to Mrs. Johns but did not arrive at a conclusion and held the matter in abeyance for another week.

W. G. Kenyon, secretary of the labor council and also secretary of Barbers 827, was asked to serve for the Culinary Alliance but said he wasn't certain if he could qualify.

Mrs. Johns became business agent of the union upon resignation of Marguerite Clark in 1940 and has won hosts of friends while in the office.

Housing Problem Faces Salinas CLU

Salinas, California. The labor council at Salinas is being faced with a serious housing problem at present—and winter months are no time to be thrown out into the cold and rain. Therefore the Housing Committee has been asked to meet to consider steps to alleviate the situation. Details will be forthcoming later. Housing committee members are Johnny Mattos, W. G. Kenyon, Don McAnaney, Clair Wilder. One vacancy exists on this committee, created by resignation of Dorothy Johns from the council.

Sergeant-at-arms—Harold Bicknell.

Trustees—O. E. Dameron, C. A. Davis, Tilford Mrovka.

Fish Council Delegates—D. R. Campbell, George Cowell, Morgan King.

Labor Council Delegates—Warren Lee, Roy Humbracht.

Adjustment Board—Lester Caveny, O. E. Dameron, Bill Hutchinson.

Executive Board Members: Hovden's—Ernest Best and Elsie Cowell.

Sea Pride—Mrs. Neeley Best and Bill Hutton.

Del Mar—Frank Quinones.

Monterey Fish Products—Robert Rogers.

Monterey—John Wheat.

Edgewater—D. E. Lantz.

Custom House—John Rosa.

Carmel—Leonard Selbecky and Lola Smith.

California Packing Corp.—Joseph Perry and Lucy Rietkirk.

San Xavier—Joe Rodriguez and Vivian Wheat.

E. B. Gross—Joe Hodson and Nellie Hodson.

San Carlos—Renee Hidalgo and Louis Martin.

Moss Landing—Thelma Miller and Bill Tomlinson.

Oxnard Cannery—Carlos Yanes.

Chairman of the Balloting Committee was Joe Freitas.

In Union Circles

MONTEREY

Monterey Labor will miss Henry Diaz and Wally Savage. Many union leaders have been drafted already but these two are key men in their respective crafts. Our best wishes go with them.

Jessica Diaz, wife of Henry Diaz, will remain in Monterey and keep the Diaz home for the time being. She said she expects to get work locally, but may follow her husband back if and when he becomes permanently stationed on the Coast.

Speaking of the draft, Wally Savage gave his famous last words as: "Northern California Labor can be relieved now—I'm in."

Dale Ward, business agent of the building trades council here is gingerly opening every letter he gets—he's looking for the one bearing the familiar "Greetings—" with the date listed below!

Pearl Bennett, secretary of Bartenders 483, has been ill but is up and around again, taking an active part in civic, civilian defense, union, and other work.

E. D. McCutcheon, business agent of Bartenders 483, presided at the labor council last week.

New labor council delegates are Warren Lee, of the Fish Cannery Workers, and Clarence Satterfield, of the Bus Drivers.

One of the most active but least commended workers in the field of local labor is Wayne Edwards, secretary of the labor council. Edwards always is on hand for council meetings, he willingly serves on any and all committees, he does an admirable job in his council secretarial duties. In short he is a swell fellow and hard worker—but doesn't crowd into the limelight and thus doesn't always get the recognition due him.

Council To Pick V-Pres. Tonight

Salinas, California. Labor council delegates are urged to attend tonight's council meeting to take up the matter of electing a vice president.

E. E. Peters, former official of Laborers 272 and labor council vice president, has joined the engineers and thus created a vacancy in the council post.



NERVE CENTER OF THE ARMY—As armed warfare has grown more complex so has the problem of communications between the various branches of the fighting forces. Above all else, modern warfare requires coordination. Infantry, artillery, tanks, planes, submarines, battleships and supply vessels—all must be timed to split-second functions in operations such as we are now conducting in the Pacific. And split-second coordination depends completely on the speed and efficiency of communications. Radio, telephone, and telegraph are all tied into a vast United Nations network spanning the globe. Hundreds of members of America's electrical and communications unions are now contributing their skill and experience to Uncle Sam's land, sea and air forces. Here a young sergeant operates a field telephone during Fourth Army maneuvers at Fort Lewis, Wash.

IF THE ARMY GOES UNION—THIS IS WHY!

Monterey, California.

Two prominent union officials in Monterey building crafts entered the U. S. Army this week via the induction route, each with definite ideas for the future, and each leaving a hole in union ranks which will be hard to fill.

Henry Diaz, business agent of Monterey Plumbers 62 and president of the Monterey County Building Trades Council, was to enter on Friday of this week. He has been on two weeks' furlough, having passed his physical tests earlier. He leaves his wife, Jessica, who plans to remain in Monterey. His successors in union offices were not named at time of this writing.

V. W. ("Wally") Savage, business agent of the Monterey Laborers 690 and one of the leaders in the unionization movement at the start of the Fort Ord project two years ago, likewise entered the Army on Monday. He leaves his wife and four children, one an infant. Savage is a former sergeant in the Army.

Monterey Area Barber Shops Open Hour Later

Monterey, California. Barber shops in the jurisdiction of Monterey Barbers Union 896 will open an hour later henceforth, the opening hour set at 9 a. m. instead of 8 a. m. as formerly.

The change was voted at the union's last meeting and will be a war measure primarily.

No more information has been received from the State Barber board on establishment of a minimum price scale for barber shops of this county. A scale of 65 and 35 cents had been expected.

Engineers Now In New Offices

San Jose, California. Operating Engineers, Local 3, are now situated in their new offices at 40 N. Morrison St., San Jose, just around the corner from the new offices of Teamsters Union 287 at 941 The Alameda.

M. G. Murphy, business representative for the engineers in this area, reports that the Teamsters have had a door cut to connect the two halls, to provide closer connections between the groups. Phone number for the Engineers Union now is Columbia 6748.

BAKERS UNION MEETINGS SET

Bakers Union 24 will meet at San Jose at 2 p. m. this Saturday for a special and important session, reports Business Manager Fred L. Goudy.

Meetings of branch locals will be as follows: Santa Cruz, 2 p. m. Saturday, Nov. 21.

Watsonville, 4 p. m., Saturday, Nov. 21.

Salinas, 7 p. m., Saturday, Nov. 21.

Goudy will attend all meetings and urges all bakers to be present. No regular meetings were held last month and important matters are up for consideration.

Salinas Plumbers Still Need Men

Salinas, California. Plumbers Union 503 of Salinas is still in need of men for local and defense jobs, reports Business Agent Lou Jenkins.

The union held a special executive board meeting last Friday night to discuss current problems.

Drivers Win Fresno Tiff After Battle

Fresno, California. Teamsters Union, Local 432, here finally won its dispute with the beverage industry this month when the latter signed an agreement granting the beverage drivers \$45 for a five-day week, union shop contract and vacation with pay.

A special meeting of the creamery employees of Hanford and Lemoore, a motion was passed to donate monthly to the war chest in that locality.

Creamery employee teamster members in that district are taking the lead in donations to the Red Cross blood bank. All union members have signed up to donate blood. To date membership is averaging more than 10 per cent in contributions to war bonds.

Government to Pay Wage to Lost Seamen

Washington, D. C. Wages will be paid to all missing seamen until a certificate of presumptive death has been issued for them. A ruling to that effect was issued recently by Chairman Edw. Macaulay of the Maritime War Emergency Board.

Such payments include basic wages and emergency wages at the rate provided for in the ship's articles.

Outland Win, Big Labor Victory BUT COAST COUNTIES UNIONS TAKE IT ON CHIN ON OTHER ISSUES; LESSONS LEARNED

Santa Barbara, California. Organized labor in the central coast counties achieved one major victory November 3—election of Dr. George E. Outland to Congress—but took it on the chin on other ballot issues and learned some lessons that should prove useful in the future.

There was genuine satisfaction over the election of Dr. Outland and over Labor's part in that campaign because it is generally admitted that it was only through Labor support that Dr. Outland won his close contest in the primary.

And, no doubt, Labor votes were the deciding factor in his neck-and-neck runoff against Republican Al Dingeman.

STAGGERING BLOW Though failure of the fight against Proposition No. 1 was a staggering blow, holding as it does the seeds of industrial strife during this period when all are eager to devote full energies to the war effort, the outcome was what must be expected when the public becomes befuddled.

And proponents of No. 1 had done a good—and expensive job of befuddlement.

"It was difficult to explain to the public," one Ventura Labor leader said, "that Labor was fighting No. 1, not so that it could strike during wartime, but simply to preserve a vital social right."

VOTER BEFUDDLED "Perhaps a million dollars was spent by foes of Labor to befuddle the issue in the public mind. The average voter was led to believe that the law was intended to prevent wartime work interference despite the fact that it was well known Labor had voluntarily given up the right to strike during the national emergency."

But Labor, itself, leaders in this section agrees, was not blameless in the outcome.

One leader made the point that "it is hard to overcome some of the abuses of the secondary boycott principle that have occurred in the past—incidents that were

In Union Circles

SALINAS

The council political committee has saved up the bad news—it will report on bills at this week's meeting.

Lou Jenkins, Plumbers' business agent, and "Red" Carey, representative for Teamsters, paid a visit to Watsonville last weekend on business.

Musicians Union 616 has dropped its affiliation with the labor council at Salinas. No reason was given.

Dorothy Johns should have attended one more council meeting—to get in on the attendance recording.

Our best wishes to Dorothy Johns at her newly-acquired restaurant, Sandbo's, on Main St., may the most shortage not affect this place, but drive every restaurant eater here!

Labor council plans for a banquet one week hence are under discussion. No official announcement, but!

BOATS, SMALL JOBS KEEPING CRAFTS BUSY

Monterey, California. Construction of boats and several small jobs in the encampments are keeping building tradesmen busy in Monterey, reports Dale Ward, business agent for the Monterey building crafts.

The boat construction is fully union with carpenters from Local 1323 and laborers from Local 690.

A new job just started is by the Coast Counties Construction Co. at Fort Ord, a mess hall and latrines to serve 14 newly built buildings.

dramatic and stuck in the public mind."

"CARD" MEN HIT

Still another Labor commentator had fault to find with "card" men who belong to a union for some personal advantage but refused to accept the obligations of unionism. He pointed out that there are 8,000 union members in Ventura county. It was evident, he said, from the votes cast, that far from all of these and their families took the trouble to vote.

Criticism is being heard, too, that some Labor leaders were slow to get into action leaving until almost the zero hour efforts to organize the campaign among their memberships.

But, as a whole, Labor in this section did a good job and leaders predict the lessons learned and mistakes made will furnish a guide for more successful efforts in the future.—F. H.

ALONG CANNERY ROW

(AFL Fish Cannery Workers) Tillie Mrovka brought the rest of the office a book the other day, a book with the title: "I Work in an Office." He didn't say why he brought it!

No fish, but lots of fishing—that's the report.

Morgan King was in Moss Landing last Friday and if the Can Opener isn't sharp this week, blame him—and Ivan Sinner, who went along.

Those new personal cards of Morg's are swell—a thumb nail sketch of his life history at present.

Bill Crews, former executive board member of the local, has enlisted in the U. S. Navy. Good luck, Bill.

Who is "Dimout"?

If interested in details of the election of our union, see another story in this paper.

And so the can is closing for now—

—THE CAN OPENER.

WHAT THE UNIONS REPORT

Monterey, California. Painters report election of a new secretary, and an important pre-election meeting.

Cannery Workers report election of officers, with key officials re-elected.

Carpenters report good meetings, one new member accepted, attendance poor.

Bus Drivers report affiliation with Local 1225 of San Francisco, instead of with Local 192 of Oakland.

Bartenders report a lively meeting, three new members accepted.

WHAT THE UNIONS REPORT

Salinas, California. Culinary Alliance 467—special meetings being held to try to name a new business agent; Dorothy Johns resigned that office to buy a downtown restaurant.

Carpenters 925—regular meeting scheduled for election night called off.

Plumbers 503—needing men, work continuing good.

GOOD FIGHT WAGED AGAINST SLAVE BILL BUT MAIN TASK AHEAD IS VICTORY FOR U.S.

By EDWARD D. VANDELEUR

Secretary, California State Federation of Labor The small margin of defeat suffered by labor on Proposition No. 1 is in itself a testimonial to the splendid and remarkably effective campaign waged by the California State Federation of Labor and its affiliates when all of the terrific handicaps labor was working against are considered. No other campaign stacked the cards against labor so crookedly as this one. In spite of the malicious

misrepresentation and the exploitation of a war hysteria, labor can well feel proud of the outcome and settle down to the main task ahead of it—to win the war. No conceivable amount of provocation can divert labor from this main goal, to which it has committed itself with the most profound and unequivocal determination.

If the precariously slim victory won by the proponents of the Slave Bill is interpreted as a green light for a campaign against labor by the zealots, then a most disillusioning result is in store for them. Labor knows how to defend itself and it will not hesitate to do so at the first sign of unprincipled aggression. Enough people in California have spoken on labor's side to question seriously what, precisely, is majority opinion.

WILL LOSE NOTHING None of the rights which labor has earned and won and for which it has fought through the years will be relinquished. Furthermore, the California State Federation of Labor has not changed its opinion one iota as to the unconstitutional character of Proposition No. 1, and will take it to the state supreme Court at the first opportunity.

Also, regardless of the election results, labor is going to redouble its efforts to win the war and continue its proud and invulnerable record in assuring this victory.

So that perspectives be clear for the future and so that labor will not be hindered in its indispensable role in winning the war, the Federation believes it is important to analyze briefly the campaign against Proposition No. 1 and its outcome.

REVIEW CAMPAIGN First of all, the dire results predicted against labor by the proponents of the Slave Bill prior to the election have been knocked into a cocked hat. Labor was conceded a handful of votes and threatened with the most humiliating defeat.

Instead, the results leave open to legitimate doubt any tangible majority opinion.

Secondly, practically every newspaper in the state favored passage of the bill and propagandized it in every ingenious manner they knew how. This in itself can account for the slight majority registered.

Thirdly, the Federation wishes to thank all of the unions for their splendid support and cooperation and for the coming year is confident of the greater growth which will be achieved in influence and numbers by the Federation and its affiliates.

Fourthly, the Federation calls upon all of the unions to continue their admirable work in behalf of our nation and to maintain unity on the home front as they have been doing, certain that with our added strength and support we will be able to defend ourselves against any insidious attacks which may come along.

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istered in favor of Proposition No. 1. For quite a few years high-pressure publicity has poured through the newspapers and other propaganda channels blackening labor's record with the ugly smears of racketeering and dishonest practices. Every little incident involving at most only one or two individuals was seized upon to disgrace labor in the eyes of the public.

FORCED ON DEFENSE Against this avalanche of calculated and unprincipled attack, labor went into the fight minus the advantages of a powerful press and forced to defend its record against the impermissible attacks. Of outstanding importance is another fact: that a very large number of members of organized labor are at present serving our country in the armed forces and so were unable to participate in the election. Considering the results, labor can well feel pride in itself that it was able to mobilize such support from the people of California.

BUCKLE DOWN TO JOB Such a reminder is important for labor to keep in mind, so that it will know that its role in helping to win this war is being understood by browsing numbers of people throughout the state and the nation. Now is not the time for bitterness. Now is the time for labor to buckle down and do its job as it has been doing it.

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GETTING GOING AT LAST

After eleven months of preparation since the time Japan, Germany and Italy declared war on us our forces in Europe have taken a sloop down to North Africa, where our soldiers, marines and airmen are not letting any grass grow under their feet while they are taking possession of North Africa.

This action comes after combined British and American troops have just cracked Rommel's line in Egypt, killed or captured six-sevenths of his army and driven the remaining one-seventh out of Egypt entirely into Libya, where they are still putting all the haste they can into their continued retreat.

It is evident that the purpose of this invasion of Africa at this time is three fold. The first is to prevent the axis from taking over the French possessions in North Africa and using them to attack us from Dakar. The second is to help the British to drive the Italians and Germans completely out of Africa, which will be achieved as soon as Tripoli and Tobruk capitulate. The third purpose is to clear the Mediterranean for action against whatever point in Southern Europe that may be signalled out as a backdoor entrance to Europe. Incidentally this will also reopen the Mediterranean as a sea route for the United Nations and save them the long haul around the south end of Africa, which they are now using to reach Suez and the Indian Ocean.

After the time taken to get ready our forces should be well prepared by now for their present undertaking. Rommel and the remnants of the axis army in North Africa was in a bad fix after the recent debacle of the now blasted venture in Egypt. To have the American army coming in to meet him at Tripoli certainly does not improve his position at the present time.

All America is glad to see our troops getting into action. Till now we had not started to take an active part in the war, except in the Pacific. Everybody realizes that no war can be won till offensives are begun. Our first offensive on the other side of the Atlantic has finally been launched. Everything indicates that the present drive will not stop till it reaches Berlin.

PETAIN FINALLY UNMASKED

Pétain stands out today in bold relief as the traitor to democracy in France and the subservient tool of Hitler, which he has so frequently been accused of being since he took over, after the collapse of France in June, 1939. His plea of being helpless no longer holds water in North Africa, where he has taken up the cause of the axis against the United States.

It becomes clearer day by day that Pétain's part in the sordid events that have taken place in France the past three years has been to help the Nazi's get a stranglehold on the French people. His trucking to Laval and the other Quislings of France showed plainly just where Pétain stood. But he was continually putting up a smoke screen by talking about "Peace with Honor."

Nothing could be more dishonorable than Pétain's conduct since he declared himself a dictator of France evidently with the consent and connivance of the Hitler brigands. Execution of hostages, enforced labor for Frenchmen in Germany, and endless persecution of the more liberal minded people of France, have all been going on right under Pétain's nose and all he did about it was to hypocritically plead his helplessness, but there was nothing to indicate that he really disliked the smell of it.

Now, when our American forces have moved into North Africa to free the French possessions there from Nazi domination and control, what does Pétain do? He drops his mask, which has fooled so many people till now, and comes out openly as a champion of the Hitler program in North Africa.

We now see Pétain in his true colors, namely that of being an avowed fascist and a relentless enemy of democracy. Till now he has been one of the most helpful secret weapons Hitler has had at his disposal in France. He now stands out in his true colors.

LET'S DIG UP THE 10%

Our government is asking all workers to invest ten percent of their earnings to help finance this war.

This is a modest request. We are not being asked to give a single nickel. We are merely asked to invest ten percent of our earnings in war bonds which will return to us, when they mature, four dollars for every three dollars we advance.

All workers should respond by doing their full share without making it necessary to use compulsion to induce anyone to do their part.

Failure to comply with the government's request will make it necessary to use other means to raise the needed money.

YOUR DOLLAR By CONSUMERS UNION

Read your label carefully. Consumers Union advises. CU technicians run across many labels which seem to be designed primarily to fool the public. For instance one of the rayon slips recently tested by CU was labeled NYLON in large letters. But close examination showed up some fine print which made the entire label read: Fagotted with NYLON thread."

There's no real need for misrepresenting rayon slips, CU points out. Many of them are of excellent quality and will give good wear. Check fit, material, and construction carefully before you buy. Wash the slip carefully, and you will have no trouble.

BEST RAYON SLIP BUYS

CU tested satin and crepe rayon slips for general construction, thread count, weight, strength, resistance to rubbing, strength of seams, and shrinkage. Among the rayon satins, best buys were: Barbara Lee (\$1.98); Bryn Belle (\$1.95); Seampuff (\$1.98); Fray Pruf (\$2.00); Charmode Francine (Sears Roebuck, \$1.29 plus postage).

Production in the slip industry is booming, a number of new firms have come under union contract, and union members are earning more than they did a year ago, CU found.

Of the slips tested by CU, the following brands are union-made, under contract with International Ladies Garment Workers Union, AFL: Bryn-Belle, Bryn-Chic, Bryn-Far, Dur-O-Seem, Fray Pruf, Joyce Holebrooke, Marbury, Mary Barron, Primfit, Radelle, Rhythm Roman-cer, Topsy, Trillium, Yolande.

TOILET SOAP

Good toilet soap can be bought at prices all the way from 2 cents to \$1 a cake, reports Consumers Union after testing 107 brands. Soap itself is a simple and cheap product, says CU. The extra price you pay for some brands may buy perfume, unnecessary ingredients, and glamour advertising, but not better soap.

Every toilet soap CU tested met government specifications for purity. Each one of them will do a good cleaning job, CU found. None will nourish your skin, or give it "thrilling new loveliness" as advertised.

But you can make a thrilling additional contribution to victory if you will switch from medium-priced to CU best buys, and put the difference into U.S. savings stamps. Among the most economical buys CU found were Kirkman Beauty Bubbles, Colgate's Ajax, Ivory, and Co-op Floating Soap.

TWO KINDS OF PEACHES

You can buy two varieties of peaches, reports Consumers Union. They are the clingstone kind, slick and smooth; and the freestone, which look less tidy but have a clean, fresh flavor liked by many people. Both kinds are packed in halves or slices, in medium or heavy syrup—all of which you can find out if you read the label.

What you can't learn from the label is the quality as compared with other brands. CU tested 46 brands to give you information on the quality. Ratings are on the basis of firmness, color, uniformity, appearance and absence of defects. Best Buys of the freestones, price and quality considered, were Ideal and Iona (A & P).

This Attitude On Labor Typical of Capitol's 'Small Business' Clubs

By VIRGINIA GARDNER

Washington, D. C. I made my social debut in Washington last night. I went to the troika night club with a senator and his party. He was a Republican from a western farm state and was with a man who said he represented small business, but I imagine just about in the way the Troika represented Stalin.

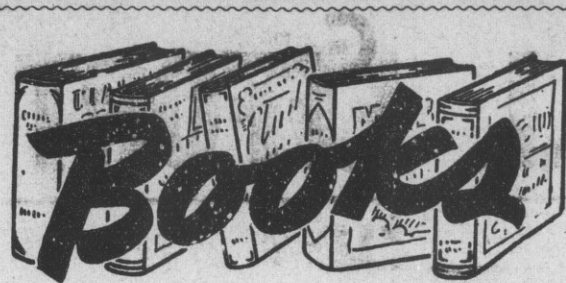
Everything went off all right until the senator leaned earnestly across the table and said: "You have a job to do, little girl. You and other should do all you can to sell labor on a 70-hour week, not 40."

"But war workers are working far more than 40 hours," I began. "Yes, and charging time and a half," he grumbled. "Oh, it don't matter. The contractor just gets that much more from the government. The taxpayer pays it."

"And who's paying the taxes this year?" I asked sourly. "Yeah, who?" the senator said, laughing uproariously and slapping his business friend on the knee. "Labor don't like that Victory tax a-tall. No sir, labor doesn't like to pay for helping itself."

As we left, the self-styled small business man, stepping on the gas in his Duesenberg, said, "And these labor-management committees—what does labor know about management?"

As usual, it didn't occur to me until later that I should have answered: "What does management know about labor?"



THE ILLUSTRIOUS DUNDER-HEADS, By Rex Stout, Published by Knopf Company. Price \$1.75.

Among the most interesting books recently published is *The Illustrious Dunderheads* edited by Rex Stout and with an introduction by Frank Sullivan. The book, which is warmly recommended to readers of *The Hour*, is a compilation of extracts from speeches by congressmen whose opinions and voting records previous to Pearl Harbor were, to say the least, far from helpful to this country's defense preparations. The volume is illustrated with a number of excellent cartoons by the artist William Gropper.

THE EDGE OF THE SWORD. By Vladimir Pozner. Translated from the French by Haakon M. Chevalier. Modern Age. New York. Pp. 342. \$2.50.

This novel, by a French writer of Russian descent, tells the story of the common people of France during the six black weeks of France's agony, in May and June of 1940. It is based on the author's own experiences. As an army chauffeur, he drove four thousand miles over the refuge-choked roads of France during the last two weeks of the retreat. His study of the attitude of the poilus, the common soldiers, who were eager to resist the invader, but bewildered by the failure of their chiefs, is one of the most striking features of this unique book.

AMERICAN UNITY AND ASIA. By Pearl S. Buck. John Day Company. New York. Pp. 140. \$1.25.

This book contains ten letters, speeches, and articles written by Pearl Buck during the past few months, dealing with the Negro and Japanese problems in this country, with China and with relations between the East and the West. The entire book is permeated with the genuine internationalism and profoundly democratic spirit of the writer.

Roosevelt: Dictator or Democrat, by Gerald W. Johnson. Harper and Brothers, New York, N. Y., \$3.

This is an informative and stimulating volume. We say this regardless of acceptance or rejection of the author's evaluation of the New Deal and its chief inspirer. Mr. Johnson has made an adequate examination of the record

of the New Deal and has made out an effective case to show that Mr. Roosevelt has been a true Democrat not only in his aims but in his methods as well. Between these covers we also find living history—history whose import it is still too early to judge fully. The book is worth reading and owning.

THE COMING OF THE CIVIL WAR, by Avery Craven. Charles Scribner's Sons, New York, N. Y., \$3.75.

To the author our Civil War was not historically inevitable but rather the logical outcome of a series of avoidable, but fatal blunders of individuals. Here we find an understatement of the unavoidable clash of different types of economic forces—varying forces which developed in the North and South not through individual malevolence but for a multitude of reasons outside the individual. In saying this, we do not deny all influence to hate, vanity, vengeance and personalities in even the broadest historical movements. John C. Calhoun and William Lloyd Garrison certainly left an imprint on their days but they and their ideologies and even their tactics did not arise out of a void, out of accident, or inherited spleen. They were symbols and spokesmen, both creators and creatures of a stressful period in our history. The social and economic forces bringing on the Civil War were more responsible for bringing forth the dominant personalities than were the latter for the conflict itself. This is true regardless of outbursts in letters and diaries and the mistakes and maneuvers of persons on the stage of history at the moment, regardless of how much that happened which, in retrospect, should and could have been avoided.

The book is well-written, not at all shallow in handling material; it should serve to stimulate not only interest in, but understanding of the trials and tribulations with which the rise of the American people to maturity is so replete.

Forty Women in San Jose in Lumber Jobs

San Jose, California.

Forty women have taken jobs as lumber mill workers and are receiving the same rate of pay as the men who preceded them on the job.

The Song of Labor

By HORACE SPENCER FISKE

A song to the builders of beauty.
The rearers of temples and spire;
A song to the strong men of duty,
Who shape the world's future in fire.

Sing, sing to the women, the mothers,
The weavers of Life and Fate;
The sisters who toil for the brothers,
And open to hope the white gate.
A song to the brain that devises,
And bends Nature's will into law;

A song to the brain that suffices
Its purpose from many to draw.
Sing, sing to the thinkers and hewers,
To brothers of brain and brawn;
A song to the world's mighty doers,
Who work for a hastening dawn.

THE MARCH OF LABOR



GIGGLES AND GROANS

TYPOGRAPHICAL ERROR
Posted permanently on the headquarters bulletin board at Fort Bragg is a telegram requesting extension of a furlough, with this classic typographical error:
"Unable to return to duty stop sick in bed with Flo."

BETTER WITH TRIMMINGS
Two lunatics were walking down the street together, when all of a sudden a beautiful nude woman came around a corner. One of the loonies nudged his pal and whispered:
"Gee! Wouldn't she look swell in a sweater!"

CHANGING IT
The church service was proceeding successfully when a woman in the gallery got so interested that she leaned out too far and fell over the railings. Her dress caught in a chandelier, and she was suspended in midair. The minister noticed her undignified position and thundered at the congregation, "Any person who turns round will be struck stone blind."

A man, whose curiosity was getting the better of him, turned to his companion and said: "I'm going to risk one eye."

FASHION NOTE
Wife: "Darling, a moth was in my bathing suit."
Hubby: "Well, it must have looked very well on him."

LASSEN, YOU WANTA WALK?
Girl Friend: Tell me, Sargie, why do you call your car "Shasta"?
Sergeant: Because shasta have gas and shasta have oil.

THAT'S WHY
The three Chinese sisters who are not married:
To-Young-Tu.
Tu-Dumb-Tu.
No-Yen-Tu.

NO SHOCKS
"Be careful of a live wire when you're in the bathtub."
"Oh, I am. I always lock the door."

HIS CHOICE
Young and inexperienced father (looking at triplets the nurse had just brought out): "We'll take the one in the middle."

TWO DIAGNOSES
Sheik: "I know a man who has been married for 40 years and spends every evening at home."
Sheba: "That's what I call real love."
Sheik: "The doctor calls it paralytic."

REFLECTION
Said the skunk when the wind changed: "It all comes back to me now."

OCCUPATIONAL QUIZ
"What is your occupation?" asked the magistrate.
"I'm a locksmith, sir," replied the prisoner.

"Then what was you doing in that gambling house when the police raided it?"
"I was making a bolt for the door."

Etalon—Where are you working?
Shrdlu—I ain't working; I've got a relief job.

GLAMOUR GIRL
The general manager glowered at a very poorly written letter. Then, summoning his chief clerk, he said:
"That new stenographer is awful. And I distinctly told you to check up on her grammar before hiring her."
"Grammar," echoed the clerk.
"Gosh, boss, I thought you said 'glamour'!"—Stray Stones.

NOT SO BAD!
A clergyman called at the home of one of his parishioners on Sunday afternoon and Junior went to the door.
"Paw isn't home," he said. "He went over to the golf club."

Then, noting the shocked expression on the pastor's face, he added: "He isn't playing golf. He just went over for a few highballs and a little stud poker."—Public Service News.

SLIGHT ERROR
Customer: "Come, John, we are ready to go."
Milliner: "Pardon, madam, here is the hat you bought—that's the box you're wearing."

DIAGNOSIS
"Which way I fly is hell; myself am hell!"—Milton.

TRY IT, GIRLS.
Lady: "How do you say good-night in Spanish?"
Gent: "Buenas noches!"
Lady: "Well, it's about time. I thought you'd never go!"

EXPOSE
"I am delighted to meet you," said the father of a college student, shaking hands warmly with the professor. "My son took algebra from you last year."
"Pardon me," said the professor, "he was exposed to it, but did not take it."

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SHEET METAL WORKERS 304—Meet every third Friday, Santa Cruz, Watsonville, Salinas, Monterey, Pres., John Alsop, 308 19th St., Pacific Grove; Fin. Sec., F. F. Knowles, 232 River St., S. C., Ph. 12763. GENERAL TEAMSTERS AND AUTO DRIVERS' UNION 287—Meets second Thursday of month at 7:30 p.m., Labor Temple, George W. Jenott, Sec.-B. Agt., 72 N. Second St., Sal. Jose, Ballard 6316. For a representative of Monterey County call L. R. Carey, 117 Pajaro St., Salinas Phone 7590.

TYPOGRAPHICAL UNION LOCAL 573—Meets last Friday of each month in Labor Temple. Lawrence Olsson, President; Walter Cook, Vice President; A. B. Rotter, Secretary, Rt. 1, Monterey. UNITED SLATE TILE & COMPOSITION ROOFERS, DAMP & WATER-PROOF WORKERS ASSOCIATION 50—Meets 1st Friday in Watsonville Labor Temple, 3rd Friday in Monterey Carpenters' Hall at 8:00 p.m. Pres., Lloyd Lovett, Salinas; Sec., Warren A. Smith, Rt. 3, Box 64, Santa Cruz.

DON'T BLAST WAR UNITY, WARNS CASEY

Moline, Illinois. America's "Cliveden set of appeasers—people who would do business with Hitler"—are now back at their pre-Pearl Harbor task of criticism "aimed at destroying our national unity," Eugene B. Casey, special assistant to the President, told a meeting of AFL, CIO and Railroad Brotherhood workers here last week.

"For a pitifully short period after Pearl Harbor," Casey said, "these people joined in the great call for national unity. Now, once again, they are beginning to harp and criticize, to hound and harass. I wonder if they realize that they are playing Hitler's game by trying to undermine our confidence in our own government. Internal dissension has been Hitler's weapon in all the countries that now lie prostrate beneath his heel. If there is any hating to be done, let it be the massed anger of aroused Americans against the common enemy who would destroy our sacred liberty and reduce us to slaves."

"Christ had his Judas; Caesar his Brutus; Charles the First his Cromwell; George Washington his Benedict Arnold; Norway its Quisling; France her Laval; England her Cliveden Set; the Philippines its Aguinaldo and the United States—well, for the present, let's just call them the American Cliveden Group."

"We are not without our American brand of Quislings, Laval and Aguinaldos. Their parade ground is the overstuffed drawing-room; their battleground the ultra-provided dining room and their military weapons, vicious, scurrilous, treasonable distortions of fact and unmitigated prevarications that serve only enemy purposes. America's organized labor movement was lauded by Casey for its "stamina, courage, and intrinsic worth."

"The labor movement is strong in America because it was built on a sound structure of service—a good economy—and humanitarianism," the President's aide added.

"The labor movement is strong because it is possessed of great unity born of healthy organization. In unity there is strength. Yes—in organization there is strength."

"And never more than today does this country possess the strength born of this unity and organization."

'Seabees' Win High Praise Of Naval Aide

Indianapolis, Indiana. Speaking at a Navy Day celebration, Rear Admiral Randall Jacobs, USN, praised the work being done by the Seabees, Navy Construction Battalions in the war areas. Adm. Jacobs said:

"The Construction Battalions are also evidence of the Navy's never-ending drive to adapt itself to changing conditions. These Seabees, as they are popularly known, were born of the dark days which followed Pearl Harbor. They were born of the realization that it was both unfair and impractical to expect civilian workmen at advanced bases, such as those which existed at Wake and Midway, to expose themselves on fronts where they were constantly open to enemy attack."

"In this war, more perhaps than in any other, it is vitally important that we occupy and fortify advanced bases close to enemy strongholds. The answer is the Seabees. These battalions are formed of men already skilled in construction trades. The enlistees are given military instruction so that when they go out to build an airfield on some lonely Pacific island, or erect a wharf in an icy fiord, or build a supply depot on the edge of some sun-scorched desert, they go fully armed and prepared to drop their tools and seize their guns at a moment's notice."

"The Seabees are indeed one of the most interesting and dramatic branches of the Navy—and one which is at the present time growing by leaps and bounds. We had originally planned to have only a single regiment of 3300 officers and men. Today we have enlisted over 60,000. Our goal is now several times that—a staggering total if you consider that it is larger than the entire Navy of a few years ago!"

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Nurses Wanted; Courses Open

A survey of two-thirds of the U. S. schools of nursing, which hope to meet the quota of 35,000 new qualified students by July 1, 1943, indicates that this nation is about 19,000 short of the goal.

The only chance of making the grade now lies in the enrollment of these students in January and February.

In 1940, approximately 35,000 new nursing students entered U. S. schools. In 1942, the figure was increased to 45,000. This U. S. will probably call for 65,000 in 1943-44.

Bonus Wages For 'Pirated' Labor Halted

Washington, D. C. To stop the pirating of workers, the National War Labor Board last week issued a sixth General Order, prohibiting an employer from hiring an individual at a rate higher than that already established in his plant for workers of similar skill and ability. The board also took drastic steps to stop the pirating of tool and die workers in the Detroit area.

The board's first decision which required submission to James F. Byrnes, the Economic Stabilization director, under the executive order for stabilizing the cost of living, was last week approved by Byrnes. The case was an award of \$1 a day increase to 10,000 non-ferrous metal miners in the west in order to help alleviate the shortage of labor, particularly in copper mining.

General Order No. 6 issued by the board prohibits an employer from hiring an individual at a rate higher than the one previously established in his plant for workers of similar skill and productive ability, and stated that to hire a worker at such a higher rate would be a wage increase within the meaning of Executive Order No. 9250, and would, therefore, require approval of the board.

This General Order also provided that if no previous job classification has been established by the employer for the plant involved, "the rate shall be fixed at a level not exceeding that which prevails for similar classifications within the area unless a higher rate is approved by the National War Labor Board."

Unity of Labor In War Effort Blow to Hitler

Moline, Illinois. The united rallying of every section of the U. S. labor movement to war against the Axis spiked the biggest gun with which Hitler had planned to crush America, Wendell Lund, director of WPA's Labor Production Division, declared last week at a joint rally of the AFL, CIO and Railroad Brotherhoods.

Hitler and the Japanese war chiefs "tried, through their sneaking agents, to separate our labor movement into factions that would waste all their energy fighting with one another," said Lund.

"This meeting today proves that the Nazis and the Japs guessed one hundred per cent wrong!"

"The fact that these three great labor organizations have joined together to arrange and conduct this meeting should show our enemies that America is united in initiative and in determination. It is united in the understanding of what every American's individual responsibility must be. This united labor front will hasten the day of victory."

"You have buried old personal differences. You have forgotten old organizational strife."

Trade unions are the first casualty in countries defeated by Hitler, Lund emphasized. "Hitler hates your organizations and he despises you as individuals," the WPA spokesman said. "He has said in so many words that all unions must be abolished for all time."

All ambitions are lawful except those which climb upward on the miseries or credulities of mankind. —JOSEPH CONRAD.

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ALL 'DRIVING AS USUAL' MUST BE ENDED, STAND OF ORGANIZED LABOR

If you are a worker in a war plant the odds are 7 to 3 that you depend on an automobile to get to work. What is more, it is quite likely that you will continue to do so for the remainder of the war.

At one huge aircraft plant 92 percent of the 50,000 workers use private cars to get to their jobs. A Naval Ordnance plant has 7,000 workers, 95 percent of whom depend upon automobiles. In 749 Michigan war plants 434,600 workers go to their jobs in private cars. And yet the rubber in the average passenger car would make 55 pairs of goggles for the air force, four emergency pneumatic rafts, a bullet proof gas tank for a fighter plane or 35 gas masks.

That is why "driving as usual" must be cut down to "driving only when absolutely necessary."

Many labor unions have recognized the importance of getting the greatest mileage out of the available tires and have organized share-the-ride committees. You are probably sharing rides with fellow-workers now. But even if you are, your responsibility goes further.

The average annual peacetime mileage of an automobile in this average must be reduced even below 5,000, for there may be workers who will have to drive more than that.

The Japanese have deprived us of 90 per cent of our normal supply of rubber. The rubber in our reserve stockpile is needed to make bomber tires, bullet-proof gas tanks for planes, pneumatic rafts and all the other war materials which require rubber. Production of synthetic rubber will not get into full swing until near the end of 1943.

The Government, however, is going to make some of the rubber supply available to keep war workers' tires rolling for essential driving. This is based on the assumption that everyone will conserve existing tires, for we could not possibly spare the crude, reclaimed and synthetic rubber to recap all the tires that would wear out if driving were not curtailed.

The need for rubber is everywhere. Forty-three percent of the communities in the United States depend entirely upon highway transportation. For 18,000,000 non-farm rural residents, automobiles are the sole means of transportation.

Say Government Printing Head Is Anti-Union

Washington, D. C. A. E. Giegengack, head of the Government Printing Office, is accused by the International Typographical Union of pursuing an anti-union policy in administration of his agency.

The I. T. U., at its annual convention in Colorado Springs, has charged that Giegengack, who manages the largest printing establishment in the world, has denied his employees the legal right to collective bargaining and farmed out work to non-union private printers.

The union charged, too, that working conditions have deteriorated badly at the G. P. O. and that every attempt to negotiate an increase in pay has been rebuffed by Giegengack.

I. T. U. spokesmen said that the printers have received no boost in their pay scales since 1926, and that Giegengack insists the workers should forego a wage raise as a "sacrifice" during the war.

Orthodoxy is my doxy; heterodoxy is another man's doxy. —WILSON WARBURTON.

Pegler Gets Patriotic in Bumper Appeal, But He Gets Stuff for Scab House

By ERNEST L. MEYER

Today, after a long and reluctant interlude, we return to our pet abomination: Mr. Westbrook Pegler. For endless months and years, Mr. Pegler has pounded away at his pet abomination: organized union labor. He has dug deep into sewers to uncover the very last muck to fling at unions, and the isolated cases of racketeering and corruption he has uncovered he has used to smear the ranks of all organized workers.

We are convinced that it was Pegler and his kind who inspired Rear Admiral Emory S. Land, War Shipping Administrator and chairman of the Maritime Commission, to get up at a meeting of the Investment Bankers' Association in New York recently and to say that for the duration of the war "organizers ought to be shot at sunrise."

Though tremendous pressure was brought to bear on Rear Admiral Land to retract his inflammatory remark, the only lame excuse he could offer was that when he said "organizers" should be shot he hadn't said "union organizers." Has anyone, in heaven's name, ever heard of an organizer of scabs?

A REPORTER VISITS PEGLER We are especially interested in the case of Mr. Pegler because he happens to be a neighbor of ours. He lives in Ridgefield, Conn., which is only a few jumps from Westport. And at Ridgefield he cuts quite a local figure. For example, Mr. Pegler recently launched a one-man campaign to remove auto bumpers from cars as a contribution to the salvage drive. And one day he solemnly drove into Ridgefield, solemnly had his car bumpers removed, and a few neighbors gathered to watch the great sacrifice. It was a thrilling and inspiring sight to see Mr. Pegler drive away again, thoroughly unbumpered.

It was fine publicity, too. But there's publicity, and publicity, and of late Pegler Publicity, Inc. has hit bottom. Mr. Pegler is building quite a shack for himself at Ridgefield out of money he earned swatting union labor in the

chase and taking gentlemanly kicks at Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt.

Some days ago, an enterprising reporter for the Bridgeport Herald named Jane Brower moseyed out to the spot and came back and wrote a piece for the Herald from which we quote at length because it's sweet music. Miss Brower wrote:

"The columnist who spends much of his time plugging his campaign to give auto bumpers to the scrap drive is in reality using up a heluva lot more metal and other materials to build an imposing 15-room house in Ridgefield."

"SCAB MANOR UNDER CONSTRUCTION"

"Labor men, who add that it is being built by non-union workers, are thinking of calling it Scab Manor."

"Mr. Pegler and his contractors want to keep it all a deep, dark secret. It is certainly no secret to his fellow townspeople, who, knowing about his new house, muttered 'A fine American' as they watched Peg pose prettily with his bumper for a full-page picture in Life a couple of weeks back."

"Realizing Mr. Pegler's passion for fairness, we dropped in at his present home, which he rents, to get his side of the case. Mr. Pegler cringing behind a well-latched screen and holding the door open just a few inches, spluttered that he would have no dealings with Bridgeport's union newspaper and slammed the door."

"His contractors were equally inhospitable. In fact, Robert J. Martin, his general contractor, sent a detachment of men in pursuit of Herald cameraman Joe Russo."

took care of this gun, and I maneuvered to get at another gun emplacement in the midst of several houses. When that gun was silenced, sweat was pouring off our faces; the air in the tank had become heated from the repeated blows of bullets against its armor.

"Before we withdrew, we had accounted for a hundred or so of the Hitlerites, two Fascist dugouts and two guns. I had the tank put into reverse so we could keep the enemy under gunfire as we retreated."

"Later I counted the dents in the tank's armor where it had been struck by shells of various calibres. There were 45. The success of the reconnaissance was a tribute to the merit of the machine and the skill and efficiency of American workers."

—THE PROGRESSIVE.

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Despite the fact that we were standing on a public road, with careful regard for the No Trespassing signs plastered on every other tree, Martin had one of his burly workmen follow us with cries of 'You better stop—I want to see you!'

"Maybe this is what Peg and his pals didn't want us to see: 'New copper flashing around each chimney, yards of copper drain pipes, a bright new boiler, hundreds of feet of pipe, four bathtubs, three showers, a laundry tub, five assorted sinks and basins, and seven water closets."

LOOKS 'SORT OF PHONY'

"The new place consists of a converted eight-room farmhouse plus an additional wing of seven new rooms, as well as a former woodshed which is being turned into a two-car garage with rooms above. As far as neighbors know, the sole occupant of the place will be Mr. Pegler's large family, consisting of himself and his wife and a wistful little white dog, unlike his master, was friendly."

"No one in Ridgefield would be sore about the new house if the government had not issued an order, back in April, in an attempt to block non-essential construction. No one cares to reveal what reasons Westbrook gave when he requested permission to buy materials."

"Assuming that Pegler did comply with WPA rules, people today in Ridgefield are nevertheless asking one question: 'He made sure he got a lot of publicity when he gave his bumpers to the scrap drive, but doesn't it look sort of phony when you see him building that big house up in Ridgefield?'

"Well, a man's house is his castle, and one look at Scab Manor will convince anyone that Peg has made sure his house lives up to that description."

There's the yarn, and we're still waiting to see if Mr. Pegler takes notice of it in one of his shining pillars of righteousness titled "Fair Enough."

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Frank H. Phillips, President.

UNITED SLATE, TILE & COMPOSITION ROOFERS, DAMP & WATER-PROOF WORKERS ASSOCIATION 50—Meets first Friday in Watsonville Labor Temple, 3rd Friday in Monterey Carpenters' Hall at 8:00 p.m. Pres., Lloyd Lovett, Salinas; Sec., Warren A. Smith, Rt. 3, Box 64, Santa Cruz.

BRITISH RAIL UNION LEADER VISITS SOVIET

London, England. (ITF)—J. H. Potts, one of Britain's railroad labor leaders and former president of the British National Union of Railwaymen, an I. T. F. affiliate, recently visited Soviet Russia where he was given full opportunity to acquaint himself with transport conditions under the Soviets and the spirit of the people. In his report to the British public, broadcast over the facilities of the British Broadcasting Company, he made the following interesting observations:

"I was over four months in Soviet Russia. I made an extremely interesting tour of the country. I saw Moscow and other large cities and I made a tour by train from Moscow to Siberia, lasting 48 days in all.

"My prime interest was, of course, the railways and the transport workers. They are magnificent. My first impression in Russia was of the dock workers. I arrived in a convoy loaded to the full with tanks, planes, motor-lorries, war-like stores and food. The Soviet dockers worked a 24-hour day whilst the ships were in dock, turning the ships round in the record time of four days.

"The distribution of these supplies to the fronts and factories depends in the first instance on the Russian railways. I confess frankly that I was amazed to find them in such a high state of efficiency. The Russian railway system is up to the high level of our British railways.

"There are huge marshalling yards everywhere—all automatically controlled and many of them capable of handling 10,000 wagons per day. In these yards, too, the engines are controlled by wireless, with direct communication between the driver and the control cabin. The latest Russian locomotive—the F. B. type—can draw loads up to 3000 tons at speeds of over 50 kilometers an hour. They are fitted with condensers for travelling through country where there is no water. Many are fitted with mechanical stokers.

"This was not only in Western Russia. In my tour right across Russia to Siberia, I visited all the large railway junctions and depots as well as many of the industrial towns which have been planted in the Urals and Siberia. Vast oil-fields and factories astonish the eye everywhere in these immense lands, so long neglected, but where today the population of the great new cities has trebled in three years.

"I found amongst the workers not only great love of their fatherland, but also a burning desire to free the enslaved peoples of Europe. I found, too, no hatred of the German people as such, though the Russians' hatred of those who have invaded and devastated their country is intense and inexorable.

"Wherever I went I was welcomed, not only as a representative of their great ally nation, but as a direct envoy from their fellow workers in England. The chief impression that I brought back was a deep determination to establish and maintain after victory a unity of purpose not only between the workers' organizations of the United Nations—but, no less, between them and the free workers of liberated Europe."

Waco Plumber Union Sure Buys War Bonds

Washington, D. C. H. F. Dunn, secretary of Local 529, United Association of Journeymen Plumbers and Steamfitters of the United States and Canada, Waco, Texas, reported to AFL Secretary-Treasurer George Meany that the Waco local and its members purchased \$31,958.75 worth of war bonds up to September 30.

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U. S. Treasury Department

Swedish Trades Unions Praise Norway Bravery

Stockholm, Sweden. Swedish trade unionists, themselves menaced by Nazi armies on their borders, hailed the "solidarity" between the peoples of the north in a call recently for aid to their Norwegian fellow workers.

In an appeal to the people of Sweden, the chairman of the Swedish Trade Union Federation declared:

"Beaten and devastated, the Norwegian people for more than two years have fought a heroic but never ceasing battle for their existence as an independent people. The judgments of court martials and long prison sentences have not been able to destroy the courage and the determination of the Norwegian people to assert their rights to the utmost. With respect and sympathy, we Swedes have followed their quiet battle for human resistance. Today, their burdens are heavier than ever before.

"The food shortage is acute. We must help them according to the measure of our strength. The Trade Union Federation has taken the initiative for a countrywide collection of money in order to lighten the heavy burdens of the Norwegians."

Ward Company Is Put on Pan for Defying Board

A public member of the War Labor Board (WLB), recently warned Montgomery Ward and Company, Inc., that if it defied the board there would be no alternative except to use "whatever forces of government are necessary to compel compliance."

"It would be better for the duration of the war," said Dean Wayne L. Morse at a public hearing "that the country go along without Montgomery Ward than it try to go along with an economic situation under which the no strike agreement would be destroyed."

The board was considering a panel recommendation affecting Chicago employees of the mail order house. The panel called for a maintenance-of-union-membership clause, with a fifteen day "escape" provision, the checkoff of union dues, as well as seniority and arbitration provisions.

John A. Barr, the company's labor relations manager, had concluded his argument against the panel report with the remark, "Ward's must reject any proposals which require it to enter into contracts which it believes to be illegal, or to surrender principles which it considers to be fundamental."

Morse, recalling that comment, asked whether it was a correct interpretation that if the board should order any form of union maintenance, "we would be met with a noncompliance and a defiance by the company."

Barr replied: "I think that is a reasonable conclusion."

WARTIME ISSUE. Morse said the company's position raised a question whether the "Government shall prevail in time of war to protect the security of this country over a position of rugged individualism on the part of any employer."

He said that if the company were "permitted to sustain itself in such a position, American labor would be free then to resort to the strike, which I hope its patriotism would prevent it from doing, but nevertheless it would be free to do it."

Shipyards Merge But Rival Union Setup Is Worry

Portland, Maine. Just how 2 shipyards in Maine, each dominated by rival unions, can be merged and come out one yard with one union, is puzzling the Division of Shipyard Labor Relations of the Maritime Commission.

The puzzle springs from a formal report by Dr. Philip Drinker of Harvard College who, with 5 naval officers, made a routine health survey of the yards of the South Portland Shipbuilding Corporation and the Todd-Bath Ironworks, Inc.

They report, among other things, that these 2 yards being merged into one and "it seems likely that there will be but one union" after the merger is completed. The South Portland yard employs over 13,000 who are members of a CIO local, while 14,000 employees at Todd-Bath are affiliated with AFL organizations.

A petition for an election to determine the bargaining agency for both yards has been filed with the National Labor Relations Board by Einar Edwards representing CIO local 50.

The War Production Board has before it a submission for a general wage revision to cover employees in both yards, but the decision is not expected to change the status of either branch of the labor unions.

NINETY THOUSAND CASES OF SYPHILIS IN CALIFORNIA

Sacramento, California. Using late returns on men examined for syphilis by Selective Service as a basis for his estimates, Dr. Bertram P. Brown, state health director, last week drew a picture of the venereal disease problem in California industry and called on industry to intensify efforts to control it.

"The picture shows that among California's two and one-quarter million employees including administrators and executives, there are approximately 90,000 cases of syphilis and several times that number of gonorrhea infections," Dr. Brown said.

"Of the 90,000 syphilitic employees in the state, 45,000 are not aware of their infection," Dr. Brown declared.

"And of the remaining 45,000, at least 30,000 have had inadequate treatment.

"This leaves only 15,000 of the total of 90,000 infected employees who may be classified as receiving proper treatment.

"Among the 75,000 untreated or improperly treated industrial syphilitics in this state, about 11,000 either now have or will develop central nervous system syphilis; and almost 4,000 either now have or will develop syphilitic heart disease."

Employers Get More Protection If Aliens Hired

Washington, D. C.

Manufacturers who mistakenly employ ineligible aliens on aeronautical or confidential war contracts are not liable to prosecution if the employment was given in good faith, Atty. Gen. Francis Biddle told the Secretaries of War and the Navy.

The prohibition against the employment of aliens on certain types of aeronautical or confidential war production contracts has resulted, Biddle pointed out, in the denial of jobs to thousands of native-born citizens because they could not produce birth certificates or other documentary proof of their citizenship. This not only has worked an injustice upon many qualified citizens but has seriously intensified the manpower shortage in a number of important plants.

Biddle's ruling removes any danger of prosecution of those employers who employ aliens on aeronautical or confidential war contracts if the employer has accepted in good faith as proof of an applicant's citizenship any of the following:

1. A certificate of naturalization; a certificate of citizenship; a birth certificate or other official record of birth.
2. An honorable discharge from the United States armed forces (Act of June 22, 1942, Public Law 620, 77th Congress), or
3. A properly executed "Declaration of Citizenship" as prescribed in the War and Navy Department joint memorandum of August 22, 1942.

Aliens who falsely represent their citizenship in order to gain such employment are liable to severe punishment.

Here's Record! No Walk-Outs in Forty-Four Years

New Brighton, Pennsylvania. Management and union employees of a war production plant here celebrated an enviable record—44 years of friendly and peaceful relations without a sign of trouble. The union is Horse Nail Makers Union, No. 7073, chartered in 1898 by the American Federation of Labor, whose members work for the Standard Horse Nail Corporation.

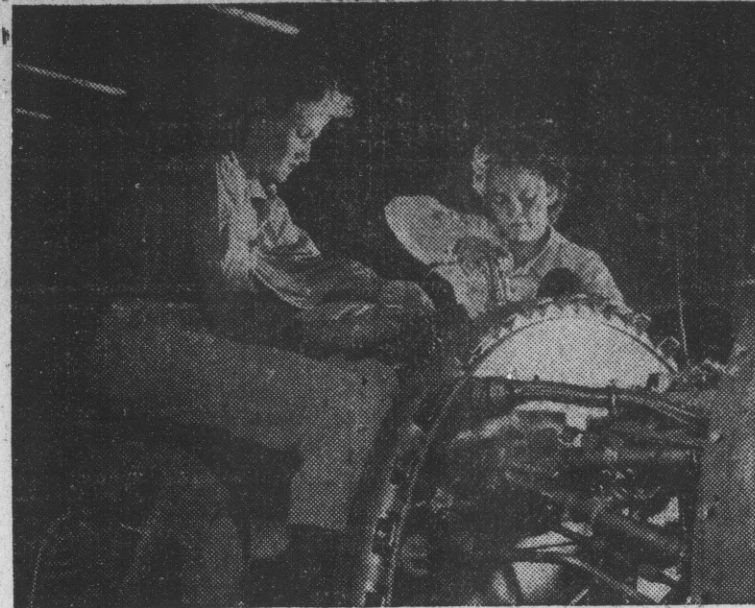
The company, which employs several hundred workers, makes machine keys, taper pins, foundry mill nails, horse nails and other steel specialties needed in war production.

G. B. Sheers, vice president and general manager of the corporation, said there hasn't been the remotest suggestion of a strike since the company entered into collective bargaining relations with the union in 1898.

Negro Troops Cited for Work On Alaska Road

Washington, D. C. Negro troops, who have done much of the construction work on the Alaska highway, soon to be completed, have come in for praise from the War Department.

"The construction of the pioneer route through the virgin wilderness in such a short space of time constitutes an engineering feat by the army of first magnitude. It was not accomplished without physical hardship and privation on the part of the officers and men, but no handicaps of weather or terrain were sufficient to dampen the enthusiasm of the troops or retard progress."



POWER LINES FOR THE EAGLE.—Mrs. American woman worker builds a bomber. Seated on the wings, these two women are installing the electrical units that will link the motor of this giant plane to the rapid decisions of its pilot. The wires must be properly joined to their terminal points. The workmanship must be true and precise. That's the only kind of workmanship American women have been demonstrating since the day they flocked to fill assembly lines when production goals doubled and trebled under the impact of the Axis attack on America.

More Co-Ordination in Labor Production Effort Is Needed 'Or War Lost,' Warns House

By HENRY C. FLEISHER

Washington, D. C.

Bluntly warning that "the war can be lost in Washington," the House Committee on Defense Migration last week called for immediate overhauling of the government's economic machinery to coordinate handling of production, manpower, and price problems.

Laying heavy emphasis on the absence of a unified "general staff" as a deterrent to efficient conduct of the war, the Congressional committee urged Congress to create an Office of War Mobilization as the top structure in a revamped economic war apparatus.

At the same time the committee charged the War Man Power Commission with failure to have taken adequate steps to mobilize workers for industry, and declared in effect that Commissioner Paul McNutt's demand for a "labor draft" is a cover-up for the agency's inefficiency.

In criticizing government failures in the manpower realm, the committee sternly warned that the problem would become constantly more grave unless co-ordination is achieved among the government war, production, price, selective service, and manpower agencies.

HIT LABOR DRAFT

The Tolan committee was sharply critical of demands for immediate passage of a "labor draft," now being sought by Manpower Commission McNutt and others in high government circles.

"If such an act imposes universal service upon all the civilians of the United States before these (manpower) agencies are so reorganized to carry out manpower mobilization that they will inspire confidence in the American people, the effect upon our entire war effort is bound to be bad," the report warned Congress.

MUST BACK LAW

"No particular magic attaches to a law unless the people are back of it."

Many of the recommendations of the committee paralleled those of the CIO and its affiliated unions—particularly in recognizing the need for labor participation in the top planning councils of the nation and in demanding co-operative action rather than compulsion.

Sixty Soviet Women To Run Locomotives

Moscow, U.S.S.R. More than 60 women, recent graduates of women's locomotive engineer courses organized by the Trans-caucasian Railway Administration, are already working as locomotive engineers in the Soviet Union.



U. S. Treasury Department. "Wait! On second thought you ought to make a good son-in-law!"

Russ Candy Shop Busy Turning Out Mine-Throwers

Kuibyshev, U. S. S. R. Russian workers from confectionery shops, dental equipment factories, coal cutting plants and many other establishments are now making mine-throwers. Manufacture of this vital instrument of modern war is almost a new industry in Russia.

Workers plunged enthusiastically into the job and production has been multiplied many times. Design has been constantly improved and new tools have been invented. In one Moscow plant an ordinary lathe was converted by a worker into a polishing machine for finishing barrels. Another worker invented an improved, simpler firing system for the 12-mm mine-thrower.

Last fall a plant manufacturing pumps was evacuated from Moscow. In December it was decided to use its premises for the manufacture of mine-throwers. A month passed. The first mine-thrower left the conveyor. Within another month the enterprise was meeting its production program.

Another plant, engaged in the production of ladies' toilet articles, began to make cases, straps and other accessories for mine-throwers.

Praise for the improved and expanded supply of mine-throwers has come to the workers directly from the front lines where the new munitions have proved their worth in combat.

ABOLITION OF POLL TAX IS PART OF WAR ON FASCISM

Right now is the darkest hour your country has ever known. Overseas, Hitler, the slavemaster of Europe, slaughters mankind by the million. At home the Inner Front is faced with imminent economic disaster, as the President's fireside chat made clear.

This is the hour when the American people must thrust aside everything standing in the path of the complete, all-out 100 per cent mobilization of the Nation.

One of the hurdles to be cleared is the enforced withdrawal from partnership in the total war effort of 10 million patriotic southern citizens who are prevented by the vicious poll tax system from taking part in government.

Until the poll tax is abolished America will not be using the full strength of her people against Hitler.

Until the poll tax is abolished, Hitler's propagandists will be able to convict us out of our own mouths as only part-time champions of democracy and the common man.

Until the poll tax is abolished, 13 million Negro citizens, North and South, will not be sure America really wants their help winning the free world victory.

Until the poll tax is abolished, ours will not be a people's war—the kind of war it must speedily become if it is to be followed by a people's peace.

Lumbermen Win Good Increase In WLB Ruling

Chicago, Illinois. The WLB unanimously rejected the request of the International Molders and Foundry Workers Union (AFL) for a union security clause in its contract with Pettibone Mulliken Corporation, Chicago, because of two short strikes in July in violation of labor's no-strike pledge. The Board declared, however, that the issue may be reopened upon petition from the union 6 months after the death of the directive order.

San Francisco, California. (CFLNL) — In the Hammond Lumber Company case the panel made a recommendation, that wages be increased five cents an hour to all employees, and that adjustments be made as to those above the minimum classifications and that the parties attempt to work out such adjustments and failing such agreement, the board to attempt to adjudicate the matter of increases for such employees. The panel also recommended maintenance of union membership. The other provisions of the agreement, which were agreed to at the hearing, are incorporated by the panel in this general recommendation.

The case had previously been referred to the new West Coast Lumber Commission, which had its headquarters at Portland, Ore. It was set for hearing on the 5th day of November, but will probably not be heard on that day, because the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners had made application for a continuance of that hearing, and the consolidation of the Hammond case with other cases now pending before the West Coast Lumber Commission, it being the contention of the union that only by such a consolidated hearing can the Commission be in a position to effectively stabilize wages in the lumber industry in the northwest.

Housing Authority Cuts Trailer Output

Washington, D. C. Automobile trailers suitable as living quarters may be manufactured only to fill orders of the National Housing Authority.

MINUTES

Monterey, California. The meeting of the Monterey Peninsula Central Labor Council was called to order, November 3, 1942, by Secretary Edwards and Bro. McCutcheon was elected as chairman for the evening.

The roll call showed the presence of seven delegates from six locals. Officers present were Sec. Edwards and Sgt.-at-Arms Burke. (Bro. Borman came in after the meeting was in session, hence was not in the chair).

Two delegates seated were Warren Lee, of the Fish Cannery Workers Union, and Clarence Satterfield, of the Bus Drivers. They were given the obligation by the chairman.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as read.

Bro. McCutcheon reported for the campaign committee. He reported that much advertising had been done in the local newspaper and over radio station KDON.

The Secretary's bill for \$3 was ordered paid.

Various communications were read and ordered filed.

The Painters reported that they have a new secretary and that they had had a very interesting meeting.

The Cannery Workers Union reported a good meeting and the election of new officers.

The Carpenters reported a small attendance, but a good meeting and one new member.

The Bus Drivers reported that they are now affiliated with Local 1225, of San Francisco, instead of Local 192, of Oakland.

The Bartenders reported a lively meeting and three new members.

The financial report was read, accepted, and the meeting adjourned. WAYNE EDWARDS, Secty.

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